

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *ex*
rel. [UNDER SEAL],

Plaintiff[s],

v.

[UNDER SEAL],

Defendant[s].

Case No. 8:23-cv-00134 JWH (ADSx)

**ORDER RE ELECTION BY THE
UNITED STATES TO DECLINE
INTERVENTION AND UNSEALING
OF CASE**

**[LODGED UNDER SEAL PURSUANT
TO THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT, 31
U.S.C. §§ 3730(b)(2) and (3)]**

**[FILED CONCURRENTLY UNDER
SEAL WITH NOTICE OF ELECTION
BY THE UNITED STATES TO
DECLINE INTERVENTION AND
STIPULATION RE UNSEALING OF
CASE]**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and
ex rel. RELATOR LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEVEN SUNSHINE, an individual,
JON CHRISTY, an individual, and THE
SHADY CANYON GOLF CLUB, INC.,
a California corporation,

Defendants.

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1 The United States of America (“United States”) having declined to intervene in
2 the above-captioned action (“this action”) pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(4)(B), and the
3 United States and *qui tam* plaintiff Relator, LLC (the “relator”) having stipulated to the
4 unsealing of the case with certain exceptions, the Court now **ORDERS** as follows:

5 1. The seal is **LIFTED** from this action in all respects, except as specified in
6 Paragraph 3 below. The Complaint is unsealed and the relator shall serve it upon the
7 defendants.

8 2. This Order and the Notice of Election by the United States to Decline
9 Intervention and Stipulation Re Unsealing of Case are both unsealed, and the relator
10 shall serve both upon the defendants with the Complaint.

11 3. All other contents of the Court’s file in this action, filed and lodged to date,
12 shall remain permanently under seal and shall not be made public or served upon any
13 defendant or other party or person.

14 4. The seal is lifted as to all papers and records filed or lodged in this action
15 after the date of this Order.

16 5. The parties shall serve all pleadings, notices, motions, orders, and other
17 papers hereafter filed or lodged in this action, including supporting memoranda and any
18 notice of appeal, upon the United States as provided for in 31 U.S.C. § 3730(c)(3).

19 6. If the relator or defendants propose that this action be dismissed, settled, or
20 otherwise discontinued, then the parties shall provide the United States with notice of the
21 same and the Court will provide the United States with an opportunity to be heard before
22 ruling or granting its approval.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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25 Dated: January 13, 2025


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE